

IN THE DRAWINGS:

The attached Replacement Sheets of drawings (3 sheets) include changes to Figs. 22 - 24 and replaces the original drawing sheets showing Figs. 22 - 24. In each of amended Figs. 22 - 24, the label "PRIOR ART" has been added.

Attachments: Three (3) Replacements Sheets showing Fig. 22, Fig. 23, and Fig. 24, respectively

REMARKS

The present application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated May 7, 2009. Claims 1, 2, and 4 - 20 are presented for examination, of which Claims 1 and 11 are in independent form. Claim 3 has been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein, and the essential subject matter of Claim 3 has been incorporated in independent Claims 1 and 11, respectively. Additionally, Claims 2, 4 -10, and 12 - 20 have been amended to address informalities. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that Claims 3 and 4 include allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in proper independent form. As noted above, Claim 3 has been cancelled, and independent Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to incorporate the essential subject matter of Claim 3. Claim 4 has been amended to depend from Claim 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all of the remaining claims include allowable subject matter.

Please note that Claims 5 and 12 - 20 were previously withdrawn from consideration due to an election-of-species requirement. However, because independent Claims 1 and 11 are generic to all the species, and because Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to include allowable subject matter, rejoinder of Claims 5 and 12 - 20 is believed proper and is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objected to the specification on the grounds that the title of the invention is not descriptive. The title of the invention has been amended hereby to read as follows: -- IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE WITH ANALOG-TO-DIGITAL CONVERTER --. It is respectfully submitted that the title, as amended, is directed to the claimed invention. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action states that Figs. 22 - 24 should be designated as "Prior Art." In response, three (3) Replacement Sheets of drawings have been submitted herewith, in which Figs. 22 - 24 are labeled "PRIOR ART." Accordingly, approval of the Replacement Sheets is respectfully requested.

The Office Action states that Claim 1 is objected to for the informalities noted on page 3 thereof. In response, the term "the reference signal" has been changed to "a reference signal." Applicant believes that the objection to Claim 1 has been obviated and its withdrawal is therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all the claims are in condition for allowance and therefore respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and an early passage to issue of the present application.

No petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action is deemed necessary for this Amendment. If, however, such a petition is required to make this Amendment timely filed, then this paper should be considered such a petition and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite petition fee to Deposit Account 50-3939.

CONCLUSION

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

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